

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (Previously Presented): A facsimile apparatus configured to exchange email data via a network, comprising:

a system control unit which controls an operation of the facsimile apparatus;

a communication management unit which stores communication management information in response to occurrence of a facsimile communication;

an address registration unit which registers an email address to which email is transmitted; and

a data-format conversion unit which converts the communication management information stored in said communication management unit into data in a text format,

wherein said system control unit sends the communication management information in the text format to the email address registered in said address registration unit by email when a number of facsimile transmissions to a specified address exceeds a predetermined number.

Claim 2 (Original): The facsimile apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the text format is the CSV format.

Claim 3 (Original): The facsimile apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said system control unit requests said data-format conversion unit to convert the communication management information stored in said communication management unit into data in the text format in response to a detection that transmissions and receptions have occurred more than a predetermined number of times.

Claim 4 (Original): The facsimile apparatus as claimed in claim 3, wherein said system control unit determines according to a user parameter whether to send the communication management information in the text format to the email address in response to the detection that transmissions and receptions have occurred more than a predetermined number of times.

Claim 5 (Original): The facsimile apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said system control unit outputs the communication management information on a sheet of paper if the email transmission of the communication management information fails.

Claim 6 (Original): The facsimile apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein only a portion of items of the communication management information are converted into data in the text format, and are sent to the email address registered in said address registration unit by email.

Claim 7 (Original): The facsimile apparatus as claimed in claim 6, wherein said portion of items include at least one of a date of facsimile transmission and/or reception, a time thereof, a destination of facsimile transmission, an originating source of facsimile transmission, a communication mode, a number of pages, communication results, and a user code.

Claim 8 (Original): The facsimile apparatus as claimed in claim 6, wherein the portion of items are specified by use of a terminal connected to said facsimile apparatus.

Claim 9 (Original): The facsimile apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said system control unit sends the communication management information in the text format to the email address by email at a specified time.

Claims 10-13 (Canceled).

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): A facsimile apparatus configured to exchange email data via a network, comprising:

a system control unit which controls an operation of the facsimile apparatus;

a communication management unit which stores communication management information in response to occurrence of a facsimile communication;

an address registration unit which registers an email address to which email is transmitted; and

a data-format conversion unit which converts the communication management information stored in said communication management unit into data in a text format,

wherein said system control unit sends the communication management information in the text format to the email address registered in said address registration unit by email when a number of facsimile transmissions during specified hours exceeds a predetermined number.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): A facsimile apparatus configured to exchange email data via a network, comprising:

a system control unit which controls an operation of the facsimile apparatus;

a communication management unit which stores communication management information in response to occurrence of a facsimile communication;

an address registration unit which registers an email address to which email is transmitted; and

a data-format conversion unit which converts the communication management information stored in said communication management unit into data in a text format,

wherein said system control unit sends the communication management information in the text format to the email address registered in said address registration unit by email when a number of facsimile transmissions longer than a specified communication time exceeds a predetermined number.